

**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
General Meeting
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Room 739
Minutes of May 19, 2015 Meeting**

1. **Call to Order by – Michele L. Daniels**
The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval for April 21, 2015**
Minutes of April 21, 2015 were approved with no corrections
3. **Announcements**
 - Michele L. Daniels referenced parking accommodations
 - Olivia Rodriguez thanked the Domestic Violence Council members and guests for their overwhelming response on offering to do the translation of the domestic violence handbook to Korean language
 - TuLynn Smylie announced that the Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF) will be holding a 65 hour training on Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault in June 2015
4. **Project Highlights: Gabriela Vaquera, Case Manager – JFS Haven House**
 - JFS Haven House is a 36 bed shelter for DV women and children; facility is now accepting male victims and their children
 - Korean and Spanish speaking staff are available
5. **Speaker/Presentation: “Emerging Issues”**
 - Dr. Tara Pir, President and CEO of Institute for Multicultural Counseling & Education Services (IMCES) asked if she could distribute a survey regarding stigma’s related to mental illness. She provided information regarding the survey and thanked the DVC members for assisting in the completion of the survey.
6. **Executive Board Report – Michele L. Daniels**
 - The DVC Executive Board met on May 14, 2015
 - Betty Fisher Nominations are due June 26, 2014
 - GERDA was endorsed and embraced by the Inter-Agency Council Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Policy Committee. The Guidelines for the Effective Response to Domestic Violence (GERDA) and will be distributed to County Departments and they will need to reply if they have any changes by May 26, 2015
7. **Committee and Task Force Reports as needed –**
Written reports submitted by Committee Co-Chairs

Legislative Issues – Michael Gargiulo, Co-Chair
Written report submitted
 - The Legislative Committee met for May 7, 2015
 - Next meeting June 4, 2015
Committee on System’s Improvement – Rachelle Neshkes, Co-Chair
No written report submitted
 - CSI met on May 14, 2015

- Gail Pincus stated that she is very pleased that Sheriff Jim McDonnell will be addressing the DVC at the July General Meeting. CSI will review some of the topics and areas to have Sheriff McDonnell discuss at the General Meeting in July and she is currently working with the Sheriff's office staff
- Next meeting June 11, 2015

LGBT Issues – Mieke Failey, *Co-Chair*

Written report submitted

- The LGBT Committee met on May 12, 2015
- The RISE Initiative is working to review the length of time that LGBTQ youth are in foster care
- Ian Lewis (LAPD) is the newly appointed liaison for the LGBTQ community
- Next meeting July 14, 2015

Religion & DV Issues – Bernita Walker, *Co-Chair*

Written report submitted

- The Committee met on April 28, 2015
- The date for the DV & Religion Training will be on September 2, 2015 at The California Endowment Center, \$20 in advance, \$25 by deadline date
- Committee members will contact religion leaders regarding the training
- Next meeting May 26, 2015

Immigration Committee – Monica Kane, *Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The committee met this morning, May 19, 2015
- The Safety Plan Pamphlet will be translated into Armenian, by the Institute of Multicultural Counseling and Education (IMCES) and Korean language translation is being considered by the Center for Pacific Asian Family
- Discussed possible speaker for General Meeting presentation in June
- Next meeting June 16, 2015

Male Victims/Survivors Task Force – Co-Chair, Stanley Green

No written report submitted

- Meeting May 19, 2015
- Stanley Green announced that he and Carol Crabson are resigning as co-chairs of the task force as of the end of June 2015. Carol and Stanley have been asked to provide trainings about male victims to agencies in a couple of states in the South
- Next meeting June 16, 2015

Shelter Director's Committee – Co-Chair – TuLynn Smylie

No written report submitted

- The Shelter Directors met April 21, 2015
- Updates on two training opportunities
- Next meeting July 21, 2015

8. **Public Comments: Not to exceed two minute per person - NONE**

9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda to be presented and placed on a future Agenda - NONE**

10. **Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Olivia G. Rodriguez
Executive Director
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

6/16/15
Approved Date

GM Minutes for May 19, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT May 19, 2015

Public Members

LA City Mayor's Office
West Covina Police Department
LA County District Attorney's Office
LA County Probation Department
LA County Public Health
LA City Police Department
LA City Attorney's Office
LA County's Sheriff's Department

Virginia Cons, Carol Perez
Diane Franklin
Michele Daniels, Mike. Gargiulo, L. Heher
Jim Schoengarth
Adarsh Almalvez
Kosal Bun
Eve Sheedy
Suzie Ferrell

Private Members

1736 Family Crisis Center
Antelope Valley DVC/.Valley Oasis
Center for the Pacific Asian Family (*CALWORKS*)
Haven House
House of Ruth (*CALWORKS*)
Jewish Family Service
Rainbow Services (*CALWORKS*)
Women & Children's Crisis Shelter
Women Shelter of Long Beach
YWCA Glendale
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence
YWCA WINGS

Lirio Vasquez
Carol Crabson
TuLynn Smylie
Gabriela Vaquera
Kimberly Mason
Michelle Marsh
Judy Gordon
Brenda Zambrano
Giovana Martinez
Ani Seuylemenin
Vicki Doolittle
Ana Interiano

CalWorks

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Domestic Abuse Center
Foothill Family Service
Institute of Muticultural Ed. & Couns.
LA Center for Law & Justice
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
PROTOTYPES
San Fernando Valley CMHC
Bienvenidos
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County

Elizabeth Sanchez
Gail Pincus
Mariela Rivera
E.Der. Hacopian, Milena Mailyan
Lazano Cuevas
Mercedes Alanis
Amanda Jancu
Giselle Hulbert
Fabiola Rocha-Landeros
Amy Goldman

Guests Present

ABIP	Rick Kenworthy
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Faith Santoso
Asian Pacific Women Center	Skye Gonzalez, C. Nolasco, C.Chuaqhi
LA County DA's Office Witness Assist. Program	Maria Alonso
A Window Between Worlds	Christy Turek
Parents in Partnership (DCFS)	Marcela Pizarro, Lupe Neri
Law Offices of Monica Kane	Monica Kane
Valley Women's Center	Jennifer Ortiz
Child Alliance	Lucita Gil
Harriett Buhai for Family Law	Karina Estrella
Good Shepard Shelter	Stefan Shakiba
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center	Mieko Failey
Niswa Association, Inc.	Saara Rafiq
Seraphim Manor	Sandra Schooley
Asian Youth Center	Florence Lin
MHW	Stanley Green
Peace Over Violence	Mei Ma
National Coalition for Men	Fred Sottile
Joe Torre Safe at Home	Sally Lokey
Korean American Family Services	Hyehyun Park, Yeji Kong
Latino Family Center	Stella Romo

ABSENT MEMBERS

Public Members

Department of Children & Family Serv.	LA County Public Defender's
L.A. County Commission for Women	LA City Commission on the Status of Wm
California Department of Corrections	Department of Mental Health
Department of Health Services	LA County Public Social Services
Superior Court Family Court Svs.	Attorney General's Office
Sojourn	

Private Voting Members

Interval House (CALWORK)	Angel Step Inn
Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center	Jenesse Center (CALWORK)
Haven Hills	Chicana Service Action Center, Inc.
Project Peacemakers	

CalWorks

NCADD Long Beach Women To Women	Helping Youth Counseling
Community Legal Services	East Los Angeles Women's Center
Human Services Association	Office of Samoan Affairs